

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims.

Listing of Claims

1-20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) An immunoassay method, comprising:

(a) contacting a sample with an antibody or fragment thereof that binds an ICE-LAP 3 polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 303 of SEQ ID NO:2; and

(b) detecting binding of said ICE-LAP 3 polypeptide in ~~polypeptides from~~ said sample to said antibody.

22. (previously presented) An immunoassay method according to claim 21, wherein said assay is selected from the group consisting of a radioimmunoassay, a competitive-binding assay, a Western blot analysis and an ELISA assay.

23. (canceled)

24. (previously presented) An immunoassay method according to claim 21, wherein said detecting step comprises generating a signal from a reporter antibody that binds said antibody or fragment thereof that binds a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 303 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein a detectable reagent is attached to said reporter antibody.

25. (previously presented) An immunoassay method according to claim 24, wherein said detectable reagent is comprises a radiolabel, a fluorescent label, or an enzyme label.

26. (previously presented)An immunoassay method according to claim 21, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
27. (previously presented)An immunoassay method according to claim 21, wherein said antibody is a polyclonal antibody.
28. (previously presented)An immunoassay method according to claim 21, wherein said antibody is a chimeric antibody.
29. (previously presented)An immunoassay method according to claim 26, wherein said antibody is a human antibody.
30. (previously presented)An immunoassay method according to claim 21, wherein said antibody is a single chain antibody.
31. (previously presented)An immunoassay method according to claim 21, wherein said antibody is an Fab fragment.
- 32-33. (canceled)
34. (previously presented)An immunoassay method according to claim 21, further comprising comparing the results obtained from said detecting step to a standard curve to determine the amount of protein present in a given volume of said sample.
35. (previously presented)An immunoassay method according to claim 21, wherein said sample is a tissue sample obtained from a patient.